

ARKANSAS BROILER HATCHERY



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ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS UP 3 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

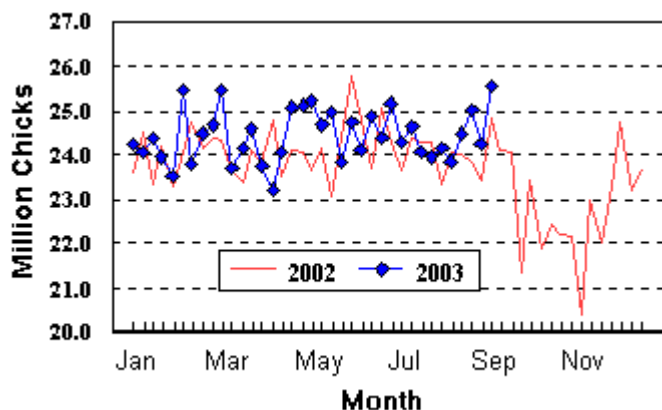
Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas was 25.6 million during the week ending September 13, 2003. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week in 2002, and up 5 percent from the previous week, and included 3.6 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2002 through September 13, 2003 were 904.3 million, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type chicks hatched for the week was 25.6 million, up 4 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, and up 2 percent from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 3.0 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 83.0 percent.

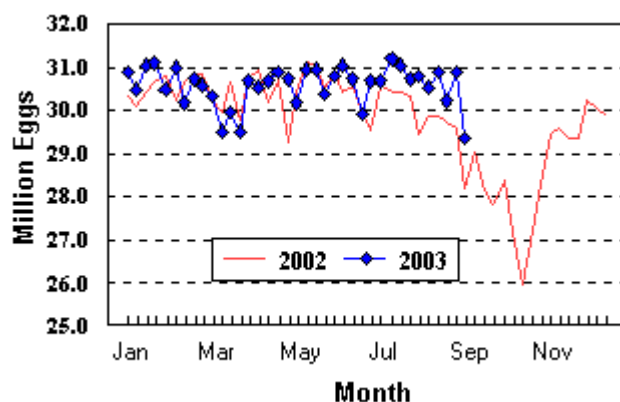
Arkansas hatcheries set 29.4 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending September 13, 2003, up 4 percent from the same period last year, but down 5 percent from the previous week.

Week Ending	NET PLACEMENTS			CHICKS HATCHED			EGGS SET		
	2002	2003	% Change	2002	2003	% Change	2002	2003	% Change
	<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>		
Aug. 9	23,352	24,152	103	25,045	25,555	102	29,454	30,785	105
Aug. 16	24,059	23,866	99	25,003	25,442	102	29,877	30,529	102
Aug. 23	23,997	24,485	102	24,832	25,399	102	29,869	30,884	103
Aug. 30	23,880	25,015	105	24,211	25,387	105	29,734	30,223	102
Sep. 6	23,428	24,254	104	24,472	25,164	103	29,592	30,875	104
Sep. 13	24,831	25,584	103	24,573	25,631	104	28,201	29,368	104

CHICKS PLACED IN ARKANSAS, 2002-2003



EGGS SET, 2002 - 2003



BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED IN 19 MAJOR STATES BY WEEKS, 2003

STATE	EGGS SET (in Thousands)					CHICKS PLACED (in Thousands)						
	Week Ending				1/ %	Week Ending						1/ %
	23-Aug	30-Aug	06-Sep	13-Sep		09-Aug	16-Aug	23-Aug	30-Aug	06-Sep	13-Sep	
Alabama	29,056	28,718 *	29,240 *	27,938	101	21,919	21,844	22,084	21,871 *	22,012 *	21,482	101
ARKANSAS	30,884	30,223	30,875	29,368	104	24,152	23,866	24,485	25,015	24,254	25,584	103
Delaware	4,057	3,837	3,792	3,561	106	4,726	5,024	4,741 *	5,302	5,213	5,784	118
Florida	1,354	1,353	1,357 *	1,329	61	1,616	1,654	1,727	1,722	1,831 *	2,056	106
Georgia	32,556 *	32,501	30,946	31,287	108	26,285	26,217	25,316	26,162 *	25,074 *	25,937	100
Kentucky	6,760 *	6,779	6,325	5,625	90	5,863	6,107	6,072	5,810	5,848 *	5,850	104
Maryland	9,420 *	9,293	8,869	8,371	92	6,568	6,344	6,508 *	5,718	5,287	5,293	86
Mississippi	18,882	18,327	18,686	18,024	103	16,433	16,292	16,415	16,247	16,396	16,168	105
N. Carolina	17,063 *	17,004	16,305	16,229	100	14,000	14,072	14,217	13,924	14,098	13,977	98
Oklahoma	6,061	6,349	6,338	6,586	99	5,235	5,401	4,325	4,297	4,346	4,406	107
Pennsylvania	3,697	3,568 *	3,674	3,517	99	2,919	2,824	2,729	2,741 *	2,698	2,817	100
S. Carolina	4,375	4,635	4,681	4,551	92	3,608	4,145	4,213	4,009	4,203	4,178	104
Texas	14,479	14,508	14,647	14,002	95	12,310	12,222	11,961	11,959	11,891	12,079	114
Virginia	6,411	6,333	6,024 *	6,108	105	5,146	5,108	5,190	5,071	5,927 *	5,450	101
CA, LA, MO, TN, WV	20,754	19,617	18,662 *	19,651	117	18,867	17,944	18,602	18,727	18,327 *	18,197	95
Total 2003	205,809 *	203,045 *	200,421 *	196,147		169,647	169,064	168,585 *	168,575 *	167,405 *	169,258	
Total 2002	204,776	204,042	203,517	191,797		168,467	168,271	168,773	166,470	167,094	166,340	
%Prev. Year	101	100	98	102		101	100	100	101	100	102	
Approximate Marketing Date 2003.....						27-Sep	04-Oct	11-Oct	18-Oct	25-Oct	01-Nov	

* Revised. 1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.

EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP 2 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-state weekly program set 196 million eggs during the week ending September 13, 2003. This was up 2 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP 2 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-state weekly program placed 169 million chicks for meat production during the week ending September 13, 2003. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2002 through September 13, 2003 were 6.22 billion, down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.